--- 50 Cigarettes - as used by “Tuckett Tobacco” - three digit codes - 1951-56 ---

The “Tuckett Tobacco” number coding on *fifty* cigarettes uses a characteristic (15 mm) 4 mm. heavy spaced Gothic figure reading *vertically up* at the center.

★**RC-403** - 50 cigarettes, perf 11, coded **2 3 6** by “Tuckett Tobacco” in 1953

[★RC-403]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1952	---	**2 0 5**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**2 3 6**	---	**2 4 0**
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1953	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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1954	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**3 0 4**
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1955	**3 0 8**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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1956	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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Some of the above copies, which are used and taken from the package by a philatelist, carry pencil inscribed legends on the reverse side. Being used, all that can be inferred from the inscribed date is that the cancellation code preceded the pencil inscription. As these are used copies, the dating on the stamp may refer to the acquisition date of the pack, or they may have been an erroneous estimate by a collector. I have located no examples of the fifty cigarette stamp cancelled in red numbers. Presumably at the time production destined for Quebec was manufactured by “Imperial Tobacco”, in Montreal.

2 0 6 is inscribed *Philip Morris* / June 20, 1952 **2 3 6** is inscribed *Buckingham* / Oct., 1, 1952
2 4 0 is inscribed *Philip Morris* / Oct., 1, 1952

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